IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PALESE et al.

Appl. No. 08/444,994

Filed: May 19, 1995

For:

IDENTIFICATION AND USE OF ANTIVIRAL COMPOUNDS THAT INHIBIT INTERACTION OF HOST CELL PROTEINS AND VIRAL

PROTEINS REQUIRED FOR VIRAL

REPLICATION

Art Unit:

1652

Examiner:

Lau, K.

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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 1998 (Paper No. 18), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, and the requisite fees are submitted concurrently herewith.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Pennie & Edmonds Lee Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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